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 Grp./A.U. : 1637  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

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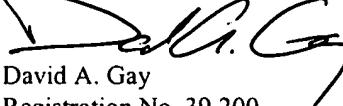
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Total Claims	103	103	0	\$25.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	7	7	0	\$100.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2005, Applicants  
respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-103 are pending. The Office alleges that the claims are directed to six distinct  
and independent inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-34, directed to a method of detecting a target sequence comprising  
first and second probes complementary to a target;

Group II: Claims 35-52, directed to a method of detecting the relative amounts of two  
or more target sequences;

Group III: Claims 53-73, directed to a method of amplifying a target sequence to  
produce a signal within a dynamic range of a detection;